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Jeremy Ray

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Dear Jeremy Ray,

I am interested in applying for the teaching position, at the high school level in the English department of your school district. I am a recent 2014 graduate from the University of Maine in Farmington. I have had some undergraduate experience working at the high school level through classes at the University of Maine in Farmington. I have heard about the position in the English department through a website ad placed on the school spring website. I have a strong love for education and attended school in the Biddeford school system. I feel as though it would be a wonderful experience working at the school I had attended. It has changed tremendously since I was at school there, and I am inspired by the technology and classroom updates. I feel as though this school district is moving forward at an impressive speed, making this a wonderful learning opportunity for me as I enter into the fast pace world of teaching.

My desire is to continue the strides forward in education that your school district is making by connecting many subject areas into a learning experience, bringing art and creativity back into the classroom, as well as, putting the importance of students first. I look forward to also integrating technology into the classroom, which is much easier in a school district that has given teachers this ability through their resources. I desire to be heavily involved in the school district and community. I am interested in becoming a class advisor, and possibly the teacher in charge of other clubs and organizations, such as National Honors Society. I have many wonderful ideas I want to bring to the classroom especially my desire for working collaboratively with colleagues to create a life skills unit that will help prepare our students for the future that lies beyond the walls of this building. I have noticed in college that many lack the basic abilities to make a resume, budget their money, have good time management skills, and understand the world that is constantly advancing forward. This is why they would benefit from a unit on basic life skills. I hope to bring many unique mediums to attract the attention of my students and allow them the ability to learn in diverse ways. I believe this will help spark creativity and incorporate the arts that unfortunately are being cut, due to financial issues. There is no reason that the arts should not be used in the everyday classroom. These many levels of art will add to the subject area and also encourage students to think and grow in their learning. I have become very comfortable with using diverse instructions to help all students’ progress in their learning. Through my current educational readings, specifically *Discipline with Dignity* by Richard Curwin, Allen Mendler, and Brian Mendler, I am able to explore the concepts of giving students a voice in their education and allowing one to focus on the students needs from the education. This is what I wish to bring to your school if given the opportunity.

It is due to the many teachers throughout my education that I have developed such a strong desire to teach. I have had many teacher influences that have given me a chance to excel in the classroom. From a young age, I have wanted to teach because I enjoy helping one achieve their goals while never giving up. I believe teachers are meant to inspire and create opportunities for students to continue to succeed in life. Without teachers, the world would be at a stand still, and I look forward to being part of that force that drives the generations forward. I feel as though the opportunity to teach and make a difference in someone’s life is the best opportunity anyone can ask for. This is why I became a teacher because it is such a powerful position to take on. Though there will be obstacles, I know I am prepared to not give up and continue on finding the solution I need. Throughout my education, I have looked forward to the day when I am able to call myself a teacher, and now that I am certified and able to gain this feeling of accomplishment. I am ready to continue to advance, making a difference in the teaching world. I look forward to the possibility of interviewing with you. Please feel free to contact me by the information listed above. Thank you so much for the consideration and taking the time to look over my application.

Sincerely,

Megan Millette